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Applicant: William J. Drasler, et al. Confirmation No. 8503
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ELECTION OF SPECIES RESPONSE

Dear Examiner Izquierdo:

The Election of Species Office Action of March 16, 2006, has been received.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.